1 Introduction

Kanji are ordered by frequency. This file uses information from several sources.

1.1 CCDict

Meanings are extracted from CCDict: http://www.chinalanguage.com/dictionaries/

1.2 Unihan Database

Meanings and Chinese pronounciations come from the Unihan Database: http://www.unicode.org/charts/unihan.html

1.3 Mnemonics

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Mnemonics that have RS. in front of them derive from Chinese Etymology (http://www.chineseetymology.org) by Richard Sears and are used with kind permission.

Mnemonics that have lit. in front of them derive from Shuowen Jiezi (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuowen_Jiezi).

1.4 Commons:Stroke Order Project

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1.5 VietUnicode font

The information section uses the Han Nom fonts (http://sourceforge.net/projects/vietunicode/files/hannom/hannom

为	為	**S**:为 **A**:爲 鬻
	Meaning	do, handle, govern, act, be
	PinYin	wèi
	Mnemonics	• RS. and lit. hand 爫 feeding an elephant 為 : 爲 → 爲 → 為 → 为

为										

到	到	
	Meaning	to reach, go to, arrive, been to
	PinYin	dào
	Mnemonics	• sword 刂 having *reached* it's destination like the arrow in the ground 至

到										

以	以	
	Meaning	by means of, thereby, therefore, consider as, in order to
	PinYin	yǐ
	Mnemonics	• by means of an individual 厶 person 人 much can be achieved

以										

就	就	
	Meaning	just, simply, to come, go to, to approach, near, assume, take
	PinYin	jiù
	Mnemonics	• people in the capital 京 are like dogs 尤 : they *just come* and *go* and *take* things without asking; they *assume* their position without thinking

就										

可	可	
	Meaning	good, approval, may, can, -able, possibly
	PinYin	kě
	Mnemonics	• 丁 → 可 : it is *good* not to talk 口 too much 丂 ; *approval* is given by nodding one's head, not by talking; what *can possibly* go wrong when everything is *good*?

可										

也	也	**A**:芒 世 芒 芒 芑
	Meaning	also, classical final particle of strong affirmation or identity
	PinYin	yě
	Mnemonics	• women's genitals 𠂉 → 也 : it's *also* the first and the *last* thing men think about • RS. picture of a snake: 𠂉 → 也

也										

得	得	
	Meaning	obtain, get, gain, acquire, can, may, able to
	PinYin	de
	Mnemonics	• go 彳 get 导 something

得

着

着	
Meaning	manifest, to wear, arrive, make move, take action
PinYin	zhe
Mnemonics	• sheep 羊 *arriving* to be slaughtered 丿 (= take decisive action) to *wear* their fur and look 目 good

着

自

自	**A**:𠂤
Meaning	self, private, personal, from
PinYin	zì
Mnemonics	• RS. head with a nose 𠂤 → 自 : point to the nose to indicate *oneself*

自

过

過	**S**:过
Meaning	pass, pass through, go across, error
PinYin	guò
Mnemonics	• go 辶 through a deformed opening 咼 : pass through/go 辶 through a small 寸 opening: *pass through*; it doesn't leave room for *error*

过

行

行	**A**:彳
Meaning	go, walk, move, travel, circulate
PinYin	xíng
Mnemonics	• crossroads 𧘇 →行 • step with the left foot 彳 and with the right foot 亍 to walk

行

所

所	
Meaning	place, location, building, office
PinYin	suǒ
Mnemonics	• ax 斤 protecting a door 戶 /戶

所

经

經	**S**:经 **A**:経
Meaning	classic works, warp of a fabric, things running lengthwise, rules, regulations, plan, rule, arrange, pass through, stand, longitude
PinYin	jīng
Mnemonics	• streams under ground 巠 *passing through* the bedrock like a thread 糸 *passing through* a bound book with *classic works*, *plans* or *regulations* • /a thread 纟 binding a crafted 工 book by entering 入 it • holy 圣 silk 糸 cloth with *sutras*: reading them one *passes through* various stages of enlightenment

经

动 动	動	**S**:动
	Meaning	move, happen, movement, action
	PinYin	dòng
	Mnemonics	• force 力 moving 重 something • /force 力 provoking talk 云 : action, movement

动										

还 还	還	**S**:还
	Meaning	return, come back, repay, yet, still
	PinYin	hái
	Mnemonics	• going 辶 round 睘 one *returns* to the same place • /a person with spread arms 不 blocks the going 辶 : one has to *return*

还										

进 进	進	**S**:进
	Meaning	advance, make progress, enter
	PinYin	jìn
	Mnemonics	• go 辶 as fast as a bird 隹 /go 辶 as fast as one falls down a mine shaft 井

进										

但 但	但	
	Meaning	only, but, however, yet, still
	PinYin	dàn
	Mnemonics	• person 亻 in the morning 旦 : he needs to wake up *but/however/still/only* wants to sleep

但										

因 因	因	
	Meaning	cause, reason, by, because (of)
	PinYin	yīn
	Mnemonics	• person 大 locked up 口 : usually with good *reason* • con. prisoner

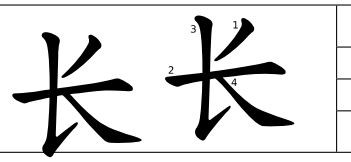
因										

意 意	意	
	Meaning	thought, idea, opinion, think
	PinYin	yì
	Mnemonics	• sound 音 from the mind 心

意										

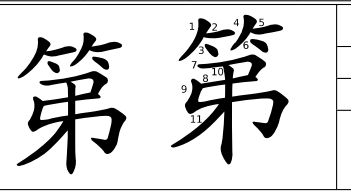
它 它	它	
	Meaning	it,that, this, other
	PinYin	tā
	Mnemonics	• man 匕 under a roof 宀 : everything is his: *this*, *that* and *other* things

它										



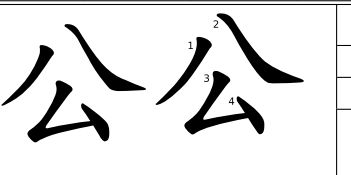
長	**S**:长 **A**:镸 兎 兵 灵 镸 镸 夫
Meaning	long, length, excel in, leader, grow, rad. 168
PinYin	zhǎng
Mnemonics	• *long* hair 彡 *growing*: → 長 → 长

长										



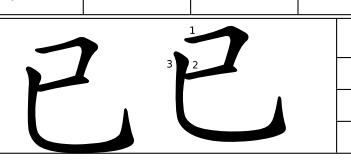
第	
Meaning	sequence, number, grade, degree
PinYin	dì
Mnemonics	• order of the mourned 弔 people carved 丿 on bamboo scrolls

第										



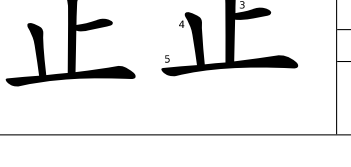
公	
Meaning	fair, equitable, public, duke
PinYin	gōng
Mnemonics	• many 八 individuals 厶 working together, serving the *public* in a *fair* way; they have a park with pine trees 松

公										



已	
Meaning	already, finished, stop
PinYin	yǐ
Mnemonics	• image of a snake: *stop*, don't go further!

已										



正	**A**:乏 𠂆
Meaning	right, proper, correct
PinYin	zhèng
Mnemonics	• person standing 止 upright: → 正 : he holds his head high because he knows he is *right*

正										

外	**A**:外
Meaning	out, outside, external, foreign
PinYin	wài
Mnemonics	• to read the heavenly sign 夕 the fortune teller 卜 has to go outside; old variant 外 : from 夕 and 卜

外										

两	**A**:两 兩
Meaning	two, both, pair, couple, a tael, ounce
PinYin	liǎng
Mnemonics	• scale or yolk for oxen: → 両 or 兩 or 两

两										

間	**S:**间 **A:**閒 閞
Meaning	interval, space, place, between
PinYin	jiān
Mnemonics	• when the sun 日 is visible *between* the gate 門 posts, there's an open *space*; also 閒 or 閞 (people 亻 walking through an open gate 門))

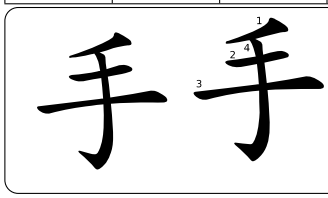
间										

問	**S:**问 **A:**呥
Meaning	ask (about), inquire after, question
PinYin	wèn
Mnemonics	• guards asking 口 inquisitive questions at your gate 門 ; old: 呥 : distinguish 采 the mouth 口

问										

最	
Meaning	most, extremely, exceedingly
PinYin	zuì
Mnemonics	• take 取 someone's hat 冃 : *extreme* behaviour *most* people won't tolerate

最										

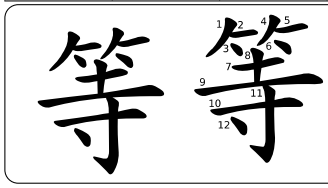


手	**A:**又 乂 ⺕ 彐 彐 丰 扌 口 ナ 臼
Meaning	hand, person
PinYin	shǒu
Mnemonics	• hand ⺘ → 手 ; con.: action, activity, be involved, work 働 ; diagonally crossing strokes are usually a hand

手										

体	
Meaning	body, group, class, body, unit, inferior
PinYin	tǐ
Mnemonics	• basis 本 of a person 亻

体										



等	
Meaning	rank, grade, wait, equal, 'etc.'
PinYin	děng
Mnemonics	• tho bamboo 竹 scrolls in the temple 寺 order everything according to *rank, grade*

等										

新	
Meaning	new, recent, fresh, modern
PinYin	xīn
Mnemonics	• tree 木 with standing 立 fruit (亲) ready to be cut 斤 : *fresh* fruit

新										

身身	身	
	Meaning	body, trunk, hull, rad. 158
	PinYin	shēn
	Mnemonics	• standing bear with a fat body 𠂉 → 身
身		

表表	表	
	Meaning	surface, outside, show, express, manifest, display, table, diagram
	PinYin	biǎo
	Mnemonics	• RS. cloths 衣 made of fur 毛 which are shown off • showing cloths 衣 under the light 主 • knowledge ready for displaying publicly is ordered in a *table* or *diagram*
表		

给给	給	**S**:给
	Meaning	give, by, for, let, salary, wage, gift
	PinYin	gěi
	Mnemonics	• that which makes ends 糸 meet 合 : *salary*; RS. supply line 糸 between united people 合
给		

次次	次	
	Meaning	order, sequence, next
	PinYin	cì
	Mnemonics	• men with open mouth 欠 having run a marathon in urgent need of refreshment 冫 : they arrive in a certain *order*; one is second 冫 : there's always a *next* one
次		

门门	門	**S**:门 **A**:門
	Meaning	gate, door, entrance, opening
	PinYin	mén
	Mnemonics	• 冂 → 門 ; two doors 戶 make up one gate
门		

常常	常	
	Meaning	common, normal, frequent, regular
	PinYin	cháng
	Mnemonics	• RS. *common* activity: making clothes 巾 in a decorated house/factory 尚
常		

教教	教	**A**:斆 效
	Meaning	teach, class
	PinYin	jiào
	Mnemonics	• older person 耂 instilling ("knocking") 攵 filial piety 孝 in children 子
教		

比比	比	
	Meaning	to compare, liken, comparison, than
	PinYin	bǐ
	Mnemonics	• two men 匕 上 next to each other being *compared*

比										

员员	員	**S**:员
	Meaning	member, personnel, staff member
	PinYin	yuán
	Mnemonics	• personnel and staff members talk 口 to the clients and handle the money 貝

员										

真真	真	**A**:眞
	Meaning	real, actual, true, genuine
	PinYin	zhēn
	Mnemonics	• see if a man 人 is straight 直 • pry open many 十 shells 具 to find out the *truth* • RS. something straight 直 put on a table 兀 to look at

真										

走走	走	
	Meaning	walk, go on foot, run, leave
	PinYin	zǒu
	Mnemonics	• reaction when a man 土 tries to stop □ somebody

走										

题题	題	**S**:题
	Meaning	topic, subject, forehead, title, headline, theme
	PinYin	tí
	Mnemonics	• exactly 是 what the many pages 頁 of the book are about • part of the head 頁 clearly seen in broad daylight 是

题										

别别	别	**S**:别
	Meaning	separate, other, do not
	PinYin	bié
	Mnemonics	• cut with a knife 刂 into additional 另 /另 parts

别										

报报	報	**S**:报
	Meaning	report, tell, announce, reward, retribution
	PinYin	bào
	Mnemonics	• wrapped 艮 fortune 幸 • /hand 扌 wrapped 艮 news or money

报										

务	務	**S**:务
	Meaning	attend to, work, affairs, business, must, should
	PinYin	wu
	Mnemonics	• a lance 矛 hitting 攵 with force 力 : doing one's *work*, serious *bussiness* • /tap 攵 using force 力

务										

场	場	**S**:场
	Meaning	open space, field, market
	PinYin	chǎng
	Mnemonics	• wide open 昜 place 土

场										

件	件	
	Meaning	numerary adjunct for article, matter, affair
	PinYin	jiàn
	Mnemonics	• person 亻 dealing with his cows 牛 : important *matter* and *article*

件										

便	便	**A**:僎
	Meaning	convenience, ease, expedient
	PinYin	biàn
	Mnemonics	• if a man 亻 does more 更 than he has been asked: quite *convenient*

便										

马	馬	**S**:马
	Meaning	horse, surname, rad. 187
	PinYin	mǎ
	Mnemonics	• 馬 → 馬 • animal fast like a bird 隹 but without wings 丿, it has four 灬 feet and a tail 丶 and is fast and raging like fire 灬

马										

司	司	
	Meaning	director, officer, take charge of, control, manage, a (government) department
	PinYin	sī
	Mnemonics	• person leaning to the left 𠃌 in his chair giving one 一 order 口 after another

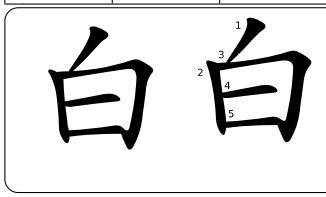
司										

眼	眼	
	Meaning	eye, eyelet, hole, opening
	PinYin	yǎn
	Mnemonics	• good 艮 *eye* 目 ; twice eye 艮 目 ; *hole* remaining after the eye 目 has been removed with a knife 艮

眼										

非	
Meaning	not, negative, non-, oppose
PinYin	fēi
Mnemonics	• outward turned (*not* flapping) wings: 𠂢 → 非 : they *do* not function; the wings *oppose* the air

非

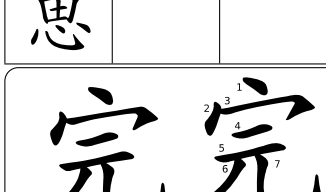


白	
A:	皁 皂
Meaning	white, pure, unblemished, bright, rad. 106
PinYin	bái
Mnemonics	• modf. 皂 → 皁 or 皁 → 白 : *white* rice grain 目 (white as the sun 日), part of a stem |

白

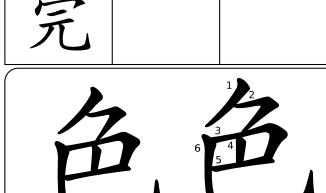
思	
Meaning	think, consider, ponder, final particle
PinYin	sī
Mnemonics	• RS. use the head 囟 → 由 → 田 and the heart 心 • the farmer's heart 心 is always *thinking* about his crops in the field 田

思



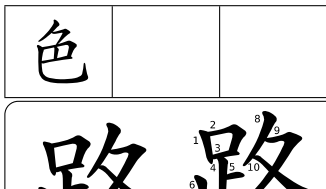
完	
Meaning	complete, finish, settle, whole
PinYin	wán
Mnemonics	• man 元 *living* in a house 宀 : he has *completed* his dream and is *settled*

完



色	
Meaning	color, tint, hue, shade, form, body, beauty, desire for beauty
PinYin	sè
Mnemonics	• something beautiful makes the mouth fall open 𠂉 and results in people desiring 巴 it

色



路	
Meaning	road, path, street, journey
PinYin	lù
Mnemonics	• place where everyone 各 may walk 𧾷

路

告	
Meaning	tell, announce, inform, accuse
PinYin	gào
Mnemonics	• using the mouth 口 with horns 𠂆 • fortuneteller reads 口 the future in the cracks of the burnt horns 𠂆

告

边	邊	**S**:边 **A**:辺
	Meaning	edge, margin, side, border
	PinYin	biān
	Mnemonics	• go 辶 to see that which is usually far away 臱 : the *border* • /army going 辶 to the *border* to show in force 力 or with a sword 刀

边										

张	張	**S**:张
	Meaning	stretch, extend, expand, sheet
	PinYin	zhāng
	Mnemonics	• long 長 string of a bow 弓 being *stretched* before shooting at a *sheet* of paper with marks

张										

望	望	
	Meaning	to look at, look forward, to hope, expect
	PinYin	wàng
	Mnemonics	• dying 亡 king 王 sees the moonrise 月 and *looks forward* to heaven

望										

共	共	**A**:□
	Meaning	together with, all, total, to share
	PinYin	gòng
	Mnemonics	• RS. two hands 廾 holding a communal bowl 甘 ; many 甘 hands 廾 together

共										

让	讓	**S**:让 **A**:讓
	Meaning	allow, permit, yield, concede
	PinYin	ràng
	Mnemonics	• words 言 that help 襄 /衰 • /words 讠 that help one go up 上 : *allow* or *permit* • /someone in charge says 讠 something which applies above 上 all else

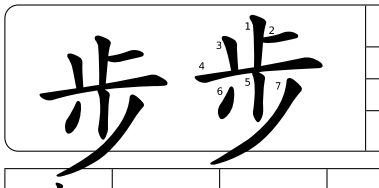
让										

运	運	**S**:运
	Meaning	luck, fortune, ship, transport
	PinYin	yùn
	Mnemonics	• army 軍 going 辶 in *transport* to meet it's *destiny* • /speak 云 about what's coming 辶

运										

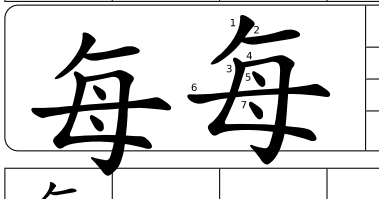
笑	笑	
	Meaning	smile, laugh, giggle, snicker
	PinYin	xiào
	Mnemonics	• *laughing* makes one feel like young 夭 bamboo 𥫱

笑										



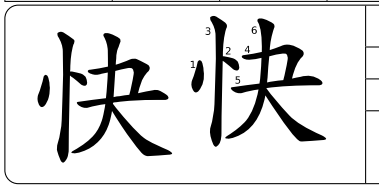
步	**A**:步
Meaning	step, pace, walk, stroll
PinYin	bù
Mnemonics	• do a few 少 steps and then stop 止

步



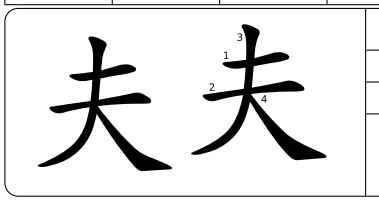
每	**S**:每
Meaning	every
PinYin	měi
Mnemonics	• *every* person 𠂉 has a mother 毋

每



快	
Meaning	rapid, quick, speedy, fast, soon, cheerful
PinYin	kuài
Mnemonics	• *rapid* heart 忄 beat when chasing with arrows 夬 : *cheerful* activity for the rich

快

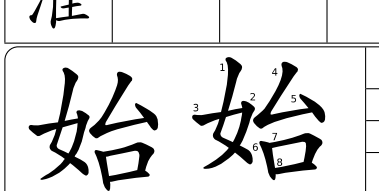


夫	
Meaning	man, male adult, husband, those
PinYin	fu
Mnemonics	• RS. man with his head emphasized 𠫓 → 夫 • man 大 having four arms

夫

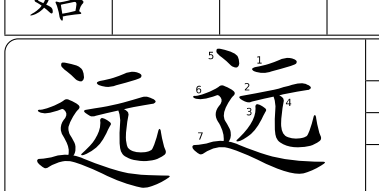
准	
Meaning	approve, allow, permit, in accord
PinYin	zhǔn
Mnemonics	• simpl. 準 : from many 十 rules only one was chosen and fixed (like water 氵 turning into ice 冫) • ice 冫 *allowing* a bird 隹 to sit on water

准



始	**A**:乩 乩 趒 趒
Meaning	begin, start, then, only then
PinYin	shǐ
Mnemonics	• every individual 厶 person 口 begins his life in his mother 女

始



遠	**S**:远
Meaning	distant, remote, far, profound
PinYin	yuǎn
Mnemonics	• person wearing travelling clothes 袁 going 辶 to a distant place 土 /travel 辶 back to the distant origin 元

远

备 备	備	S:备
	Meaning	prepare, ready, perfect
	PinYin	bèi
	Mnemonics	• person 亻 *prepared* for harvesting the crop for the food factory 葡 : the crop is *ready* to be harvested • /go 夂 on the fields 田 : makes sense only when you are *prepared* and the crops are *ready* to harvest

备										

百 百	百	
	Meaning	one hundred, numerous, many
	PinYin	bǎi
	Mnemonics	• one 一 handful of rice 白 consists of hundred grains

百										

离 离	離	S:离
	Meaning	leave, depart, go away, separate
	PinYin	lí
	Mnemonics	• birds 隹 and rare beasts 离 flee when they see people • /rare beasts 离 flee when they see people

离										

病 病	病	
	Meaning	illness, sickness, disease
	PinYin	bìng
	Mnemonics	• being sick 疒 one should keep warm near the hearth 丙

病										

息 息	息	
	Meaning	breath, rest, put stop to, end, cease
	PinYin	xi
	Mnemonics	• breath is between the heart 心 and the nose 自 ; while resting one takes a breath

息										

早 早	早	
	Meaning	early, soon, morning, fast
	PinYin	zǎo
	Mnemonics	• the sun's 日 rays starts to heat everything 十 in the morning: 𣅀 → 早 ; if you want to do something *fast* you have to get up *early* in the morning

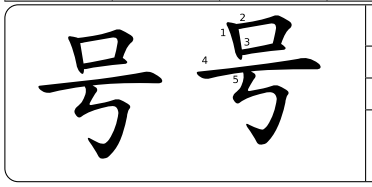
早										

找 找	找	
	Meaning	search, seek, look for, find
	PinYin	zhǎo
	Mnemonics	• hand 扌 of a soldier holding a spear 戈 *looking for* a fugitive prisoner

找										

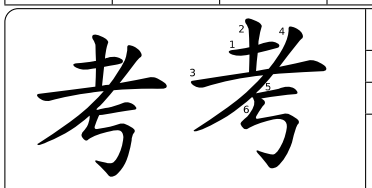
吧	
Meaning	particle used after an imperative sentence
PinYin	ba
Mnemonics	• a desiring 巴 mouth 口 gives an order to get what it desires

吧										



号	
Meaning	mark, sign, symbol, number
PinYin	hào
Mnemonics	• mouth 口 stops breathing 丂 in amazement at the *sign* in the sky

号										

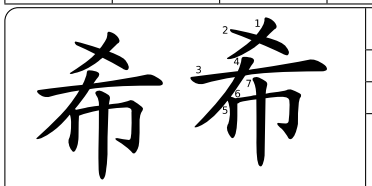


考	**A**:攷
Meaning	examine, test, investigate, consider, think over
PinYin	kǎo
Mnemonics	• experienced person 老 holding his breath 丂 while *examining* something: he's *thinking* something; old: 攷

考										

紅	**S**:红
Meaning	red, vermilion, deep red, blush, flush
PinYin	hóng
Mnemonics	• craftsman 工 dying threads 糸 in China's national colour

红										

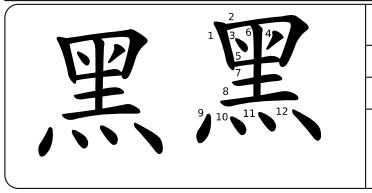


希	
Meaning	rare, precious, hope, expect, strive for, beg
PinYin	xī
Mnemonics	• RS. crossing of strands 爻 in fabric of a coat 巾 : *rare* and *precious* material; begar with torn 爻 clothes 巾 : he's *hoping* for a better life while *begging*

希										

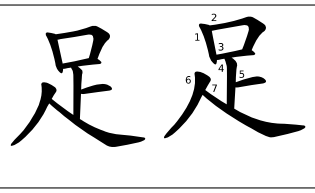
房	
Meaning	house, building, room, bunch
PinYin	fáng
Mnemonics	• going in the direction 方 of a door 户 one enters another *room* of the *house*, one sees a *bunch* of onions drying at the door

房										



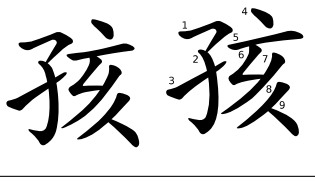
黑	**A**:黑
Meaning	black, dark, evil
PinYin	hēi
Mnemonics	• village 里 fields 田 土 being burned 灬 in autumn 秋

黑										



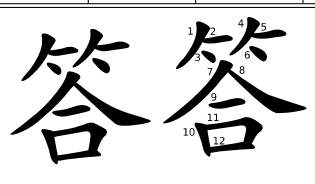
足	**A**:𧾷 𧾷
Meaning	foot, attain, satisfy, enough, rad. 157
PinYin	zú
Mnemonics	• 𠂤 → 足 : person 口 making one step and stopping □ : he's already *satisfied*

足										



孩	
Meaning	baby, child, children, young, small
PinYin	hái
Mnemonics	• infant 子 still crawling around like an animal 亥 on four legs

孩										

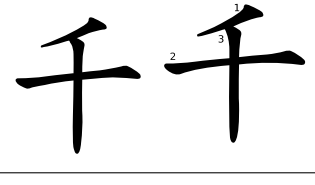


答	
Meaning	answer, reply, return, assent to
PinYin	dá
Mnemonics	• combine 合 bamboo 𥫱 slats to write down an *answer*

答										

訴	**S**:诉
Meaning	accuse, sue, inform, narrate
PinYin	su
Mnemonics	• scold 斥 with words 言

诉										



千	
Meaning	thousand; many, numerous, very
PinYin	qiān
Mnemonics	• one person 亻 can do hundred things, ten 十 can do a *thousand* things

千										

男	
Meaning	male, man, son, baron
PinYin	nán
Mnemonics	• lit. a man uses his strength 力 to work on the fields 田

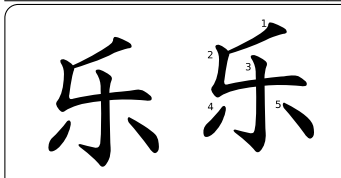
男										

助	
Meaning	help, aid, assist
PinYin	zhù
Mnemonics	• using one's force 力 to help move the table 且 ; the table 且 is not on level ground in 助 so it is more difficult

助										

船	
Meaning	ship, boat, vessel
PinYin	chuán
Mnemonics	• boat 舟 on a river 谷

船										



樂	**S**:乐 **A**:楽
Meaning	happy, glad, enjoyable, music
PinYin	lè
Mnemonics	• instrument with a white 白 center on a stand made of wood 木 and hung on strings 幺 幺 𤇾 → 樂 → 楽 → 乐 ; everybody is *happy* when they hear *music* • drum 幽 on a stand 木

乐										

球	**A**:毬
Meaning	ball, sphere, globe, round
PinYin	qiú
Mnemonics	• the *globe* revolves around what the king 王 (hand 手) requests 求 ; the kings 王 *sphere* of influence is determined by who he can ask to 求

球										

錯	**S**:错
Meaning	error, blunder, mistake, wrong, disorderly
PinYin	cuò
Mnemonics	• having old 昔 money 金 lying around which has no value anymore: a costly *mistake*

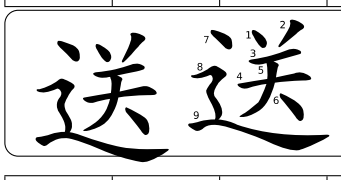
错										

晚	**S**:晚 **A**:𣅀
Meaning	night, evening, late
PinYin	wǎn
Mnemonics	• when the sun 日 has escaped 免 from view

晚										

試	**S**:试
Meaning	test, try, experiment
PinYin	shì
Mnemonics	• *try* out the formulas 式 which have been told 言 by word of mouth

试										



送	**A**:遾 遨 遰
Meaning	see off, send off, dispatch, give
PinYin	sòng
Mnemonics	• send something to go 辶 over the frontier 关

送										

药 药	藥	**S**:药
	Meaning	drugs, pharmaceuticals, medicine
	PinYin	yào
	Mnemonics	• see 藥 : herbs 艹 used for fun 樂 • /binding 约 prescription of herbs 艹

药										

游 游	游	
	Meaning	to swim, float, drift, wander, roam
	PinYin	yóu
	Mnemonics	• swimming 斿 in water 氵

游										

室 室	室	
	Meaning	room, home, house, chamber
	PinYin	shì
	Mnemonics	• where one can arrive 至 and stay in the house 宀 • place 土 where one 一 individual 厶 can stay in the house 宀

室										

您 您	您	
	Meaning	honorific for "you"
	PinYin	nín
	Mnemonics	• a you 你 which is especially dear to the heart 心

您										

帮 帮	幫	**S**:帮 **A**:幫
	Meaning	to help, assist, to defend, shoe upper
	PinYin	bāng
	Mnemonics	• white clothes 帛 sent 封 to *help* keeping warm at night/clothes 巾 and abundant vegetation 丰 burnt for heating *help* keeping the people in the city 阝 warm

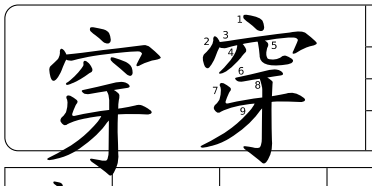
帮										

左 左	左	
	Meaning	left, east, unorthodox, improper
	PinYin	zuǒ
	Mnemonics	• the hand 𠂇 appears on the left side of something 工 ; working 工 with the left hand only is *unorthodox* and improper</i>

左										

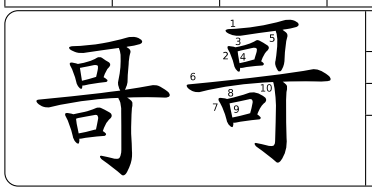
右 右	右	
	Meaning	right, west, right-wing
	PinYin	yòu
	Mnemonics	• hand appearing 𠂇 on the right side of something 口 → → 右 ; the hand 𠂇 that puts things into the mouth 口

右										



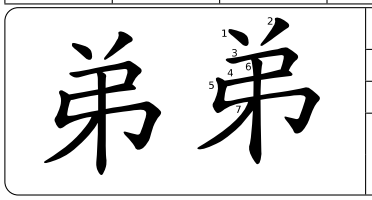
穿	
Meaning	penetrate, pierce, drill, wear
PinYin	chuān
Mnemonics	• making a hole 穴 with a tooth 牙 -like object

穿



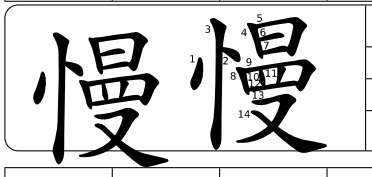
哥	
Meaning	elder brother
PinYin	gē
Mnemonics	• the brother who is twice as good 可 可 as all other brothers

哥



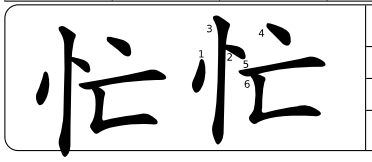
弟	**A**:弚
Meaning	young brother, junior, I, me
PinYin	dì
Mnemonics	• young fellow running and playing around 夷 → 弟 • fellow 人 shooting arrows 丷 with his bow 弓

弟



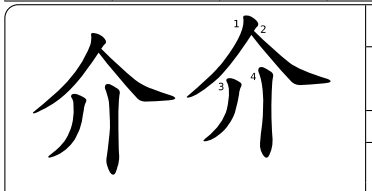
慢	
Meaning	slow(ly), leisurely, sluggish
PinYin	màn
Mnemonics	• long and beautiful 曼 heart 忄 goes *slowly*

慢



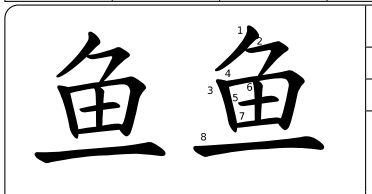
忙	
Meaning	busy, pressed for time, hustling
PinYin	máng
Mnemonics	• being busy all the time will destroy 亡 the heart 忄

忙



介	
Meaning	lie between, sea shell, wear armour, forerunner, herald, harbinger
PinYin	jiè
Mnemonics	• that which separates 八 men 人 • *seashell* 魚 → 介 : *armour* for the animal inside

介



魚	**S**:鱼 **A**:奐
Meaning	fish, rad. 195
PinYin	yú
Mnemonics	• open mouth 𠂉 , body 田 and tail 灬 : 奐 → 魚 • /one sees only it's open mouth 𠂉 and body 田 when it comes above the water 一

魚

跑	
Meaning	run, flee, leave in hurry
PinYin	pǎo
Mnemonics	• leave by foot 𧾷 only carrying a bundle 包

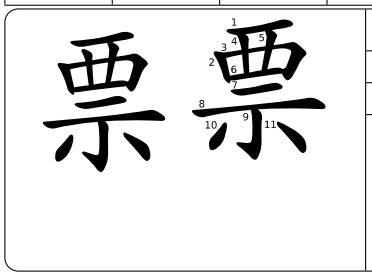
跑										

貴	**S**:贵 **A**:賮
Meaning	expensive, costly, valuable
PinYin	guì
Mnemonics	• shells 貝 臾 were a type of money in ancient times: 賮 → 貴

贵										

班	
Meaning	class, group, grade, squad, job
PinYin	bān
Mnemonics	• RS. jade 玨 cut by a knife 刂 in to differing *grades*/*groups* of quality

班										



票	**A**:㮚
Meaning	slip of paper or bamboo, ticket, ballot, hostage
PinYin	piào
Mnemonics	• modf. 㮚 : after usage the urn 囟 held by hands 臼 is thrown in the fire 火 ; head 囟 held 臼 in the fire 火 : hostage; after voting in the evening 覀 ballots are put on the altar 示

票										

睛	
Meaning	eyeball, pupil of eye
PinYin	jing
Mnemonics	• the part of the eye 目 that is blue 青 青

睛										

旅	**A**:衣
Meaning	trip, journey, travel, traveler
PinYin	lǚ
Mnemonics	• persons 亻 匕 𠂉 moving in a certain direction 方 • person 亻 putting on clothes 衤 (he leaves certain things 丶 at home) preparing to go in a certain direction 方

旅										

卖

卖	**S**:卖 **A**:売
Meaning	sell, betray, show off
PinYin	mài
Mnemonics	• the professional 士 hits the money 貝 out of your pocket 罒 ; one always feels a little betrayed • /modf. 賣 → 売 : a merchant bars the way 士 in the wide 冖 market so you can't run 儿 away and have to buy something • /modf. 賣 → 卖 : professional 士 boss 头 hitting money out of your pocket

卖

旁

旁	
Meaning	side, by side, close by, near
PinYin	páng
Mnemonics	• merchants 商 standing at the square 方 market *side by side*

旁

阴

陰	**S**:阴
Meaning	negative (as opposite to positive, as electricity), feminine, female, cloudy, dark, shady, secret, the back side
PinYin	yīn
Mnemonics	• slope 阝 in the *shadow* 会 • /slope 阝 in the dark of night 月

阴

跳

跳	
Meaning	jump, leap, vault, bounce, dance
PinYin	tiào
Mnemonics	• use one's feet 足 many 兆 times in quick succession

跳

雪

雪	
Meaning	snow, wipe away shame, avenge
PinYin	xuě
Mnemonics	• rain 雨 that can be handled 彐 or swept 彗 away

雪

肉

肉	**A**:月 月
Meaning	flesh, meat, rad. 130
PinYin	ròu
Mnemonics	• flesh cut into pieces → 肉 月 • con.: person, body

肉

牛

牛	**A**: 牛 生 牜
Meaning	cow, ox, bull, rad. 93
PinYin	niú
Mnemonics	• animal with horns → 牛 ; con. horns

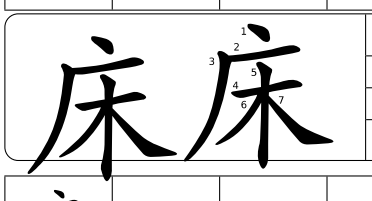
牛

紙	**S**:纸
Meaning	paper
PinYin	zhǐ
Mnemonics	• fabric with fibers 糸 used for officially linking one to a clan 氏

纸										

歌	
Meaning	song, lyrics, sing, chant, praise
PinYin	gē
Mnemonics	• man with open mouth 欠 singing about good 可 可 things

歌										



床	**A**:牀
Meaning	bed, couch, framework, chassis
PinYin	chuáng
Mnemonics	• wooden 木 structure (爿) to sleep in a house 广

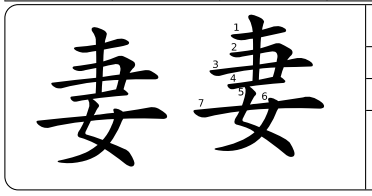
床										

迎	
Meaning	receive, welcome, greet
PinYin	yíng
Mnemonics	• go 辶 and meet somebody with lofty 卬 words

迎										

玩	
Meaning	play with, joke, enjoy
PinYin	wán
Mnemonics	• play with money 元 and a crown 王

玩										

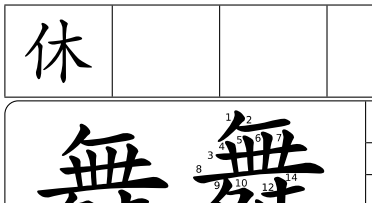


妻	
Meaning	wife
PinYin	qī
Mnemonics	• RS. hand 彐 grabbing the hair 中 of ones woman 女

妻										

休	
Meaning	rest, stop, retire, do not!
PinYin	xiū
Mnemonics	• person 亻 leaning against a tree 木 to rest: don't disturb him!

休										

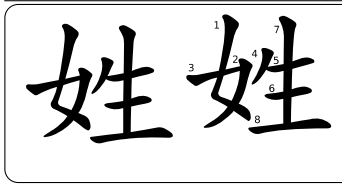


舞	
Meaning	dance, posture, prance, brandish
PinYin	wǔ
Mnemonics	• dancer 無 with two feet 舛

舞										

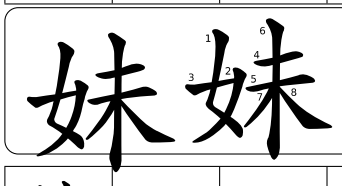
圓	S:圆
Meaning	circle, round, circular, yuan (money coins are circular)
PinYin	yuán
Mnemonics	• shells 貝 and mouths 口 and enclosures 口 are circular; staff members 員 work within their circular enclosure 口 (desk) and handle the money

圆										



姓	
Meaning	one's family name, surname, clan
PinYin	xìng
Mnemonics	• RS. the woman 女 we were born 生 from gives us our name

姓										



妹	
Meaning	younger sister
PinYin	mèi
Mnemonics	• a woman 女 not yet fully grown 未

妹										

汽	
Meaning	steam, vapor, gas
PinYin	qì
Mnemonics	• water 氵 as steam 气

汽										

課	S:课
Meaning	lesson, course, classwork
PinYin	kè
Mnemonics	• words 言 that bear fruit 果 later

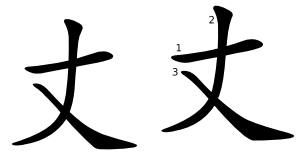
课										

懂	
Meaning	understand, comprehend
PinYin	dǒng
Mnemonics	• when supervising 董 one needs to *understand* everything with one's mind 忄

懂										

紹	S:绍
Meaning	continue, carry on, hand down, to join, to introduce
PinYin	shào
Mnemonics	• *continuous* long line 糸 of people holding swords and shouting 召 : *introduction* for a visiting king or president to a country

绍										

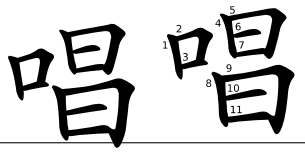


丈	
Meaning	unit of length equal 3.3 meters, gentleman, man, husband
PinYin	zhàng
Mnemonics	• RS. ten 十 hands 又 ; man having many 十 hands 又 to serve

丈										

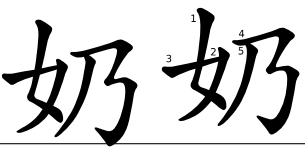
洗	
Meaning	wash, rinse; clean, purify
PinYin	xǐ
Mnemonics	• use water 氵 to *clean* something that was dirty before 先

洗										



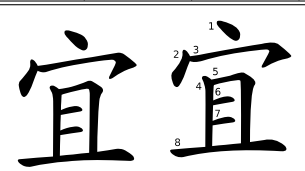
唱	
Meaning	sing, chant, call, ditty, song
PinYin	chàng
Mnemonics	• mouth 口 with a clear 昌 voice

唱										



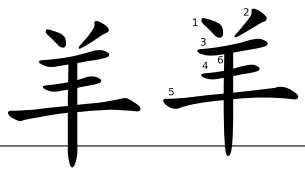
奶	
Meaning	milk, woman's breasts, grandma, nurse
PinYin	nǎi
Mnemonics	• pregnant 乃 woman 女

奶										



宜	**A**:宜
Meaning	suitable, right, fitting, proper
PinYin	yi
Mnemonics	• table 且 fitting neatly in the house 宀 • exemplary house 宀 with altar 且

宜										



羊	**A**:羊 丷
Meaning	sheep, goat, rad. 123
PinYin	yáng
Mnemonics	• horns of a sheep 羊 → 羊 ; 丷

羊										

蛋	
Meaning	eggs, term of abuse
PinYin	dàn
Mnemonics	• insect 虫 rolling up 疋 it's *eggs*

蛋										

鸡	雞	S:鸡 A:鶏 鷄 雞
	Meaning	chicken
	PinYin	jī
	Mnemonics	• bird 隹 serving 奚 as meal • /hand 又 raised bird 鸟 • bird 鳥 killed by pulling a rope around it's neck 奚

鸡										

颜	顏	S:颜
	Meaning	face, facial appearance
	PinYin	yán
	Mnemonics	• man with a head 頁 which is ideal 彦 • head 頁 with standing 立 hair 彡

颜										

瓜	瓜	
	Meaning	melon, gourd, cucumber, rad. 97
	PinYin	guā
	Mnemonics	• fruit hanging at the ranks 瓜 → 瓜

瓜										

斤	斤	
	Meaning	a catty (approximately 500 or 600 g), an axe, keen, shrewd, rad. 69 (blade of an axe)
	PinYin	jīn
	Mnemonics	• → 斤 ; beware of *shrewd* people with an axe *keen* on using it

斤										

晴	晴	
	Meaning	clear weather, fine weather
	PinYin	qíng
	Mnemonics	• sun 日 shining under a blue 青 sky

晴										

啡	啡	
	Meaning	morphine, coffee
	PinYin	fēi
	Mnemonics	• negative 非 substance taking in the mouth 口

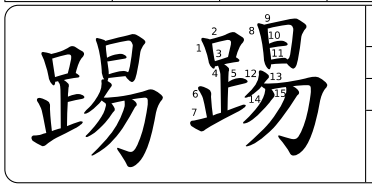
啡										

篮	籃	S:篮
	Meaning	basket
	PinYin	lán
	Mnemonics	• man supervising 監 his bamboo 竹 basket with bought wares

篮										

咖	
Meaning	coffee
PinYin	kā
Mnemonics	• substance added 加 to the mouth 口

咖										



踢	
Meaning	kick
PinYin	tī
Mnemonics	• foot 𧾷 changing 易 the direction of something: *kick*

踢										

泳	
Meaning	dive, swim
PinYin	yǒng
Mnemonics	• man swimming 永 in water 氵

泳										

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3 Unihan Meaning-index

- a catty (approximately 500 g); an axe; keen, shrewd; KangXi radical number 69: 斤: 23
- accuse; sue; inform; narrate: 诉: 14
- advance, make progress, enter: 进: 3
- affairs, business; must, should: 务: 8
- allow, permit, yield, concede: 让: 10
- already; finished; stop: 已: 4
- also; classical final particle of strong affirmation or identity: 也: 1
- answer, reply; return; assent to: 答: 14
- approve, allow, permit; in accord: 准: 11
- ask about, inquire after: 问: 5
- baby, child; children: 孩: 14
- ball, sphere, globe; round: 球: 15
- basket: 篮: 23
- bed, couch; framework, chassis: 床: 20
- begin, start; then, only then: 始: 11
- black; dark; evil, sinister: 黑: 13
- body; group, class, body, unit; inferior: 体: 5
- body; trunk, hull; rad. no. 158: 身: 6
- busy, pressed for time; hustling: 忙: 17
- by means of; thereby, therefore; consider as; in order to: 以: 1
- cause, reason; by; because (of): 因: 3
- chicken: 鸡: 23
- circle; round, circular; complete: 圆: 21
- class, group, grade; squad; job: 班: 18
- classic works; pass through: 经: 2
- clear weather, fine weather: 晴: 23
- coffee; a phonetic: 咖: 24
- color, tint, hue, shade; form, body; beauty, desire for beauty: 色: 9
- common, normal, frequent, regular: 常: 6
- complete, finish, settle; whole: 完: 9
- continue, carry on; join: 绍: 21
- convenience, ease; expedient: 便: 8
- cow, ox, bull; KangXi radical93: 牛: 19
- dance, posture, prance; brandish: 舞: 20
- distant, remote, far; profound: 远: 11
- dive; swim: 泳: 24
- do, handle, govern, act; be: 为: 1
- early; soon; morning: 早: 12
- edge, margin, side, border: 边: 10
- eggs; term of abuse: 蛋: 22
- elder brother: 哥: 17
- emphatic final particle: 吧: 13
- error, blunder, mistake; wrong: 错: 15
- every, each: 每: 11
- examine, test; investigate: 考: 13
- expensive, costly, valuable: 贵: 18
- eye; eyelet, hole, opening: 眼: 8
- eyeball; pupil of eye: 睛: 18
- face, facial appearance: 颜: 23
- fair, equitable; public; duke: 公: 4
- fish; surname; KangXi radical 195: 鱼: 17
- flesh; meat; KangXi radical 130: 肉: 19
- foot; attain, satisfy, enough: 足: 14
- forehead; title, headline; theme: 题: 7
- forerunner, herald, harbinger; to lie between; sea shell; to wear armor: 介: 17
- gate, door, entrance, opening: 门: 6
- give; by, for: 给: 6
- go to, arrive, been to: 到: 1
- go; walk; move, travel; circulate: 行: 2
- hand: 手: 5
- happy, glad; enjoyable; music: 乐: 15
- help, aid, assist: 助: 14
- help, assist; defend; shoe upper: 帮: 16
- horse; surname; KangXi radical 187: 马: 8
- house, building; room: 房: 13
- illness, sickness, disease: 病: 12
- it; other: 它: 3
- jump, leap, vault, bounce; dance: 跳: 19
- just, simply; to come, go to; to approach, near: 就: 1
- kick: 踢: 24
- leaf of Dahurian angelica plant; medicine: 药: 16
- left; east; unorthodox, improper: 左: 16

- lesson; course; classwork: 课: 21
- long; length; excel in; leader: 长: 4
- make move, take action: 着: 2
- male, man; son; baron; surname: 男: 14
- man, male adult, husband; those: 夫: 11
- mark, sign; symbol; number: 号: 13
- may, can, -able; possibly: 可: 1
- melon, gourd, cucumber; rad. 97: 瓜: 23
- member; personnel, staff member: 员: 7
- midpoint, space; place, locality: 间: 5
- morphine; coffee: 啡: 23
- most, extremely, exceedingly: 最: 5
- move, happen; movement, action: 动: 3
- new, recent, fresh, modern: 新: 5
- night, evening; late: 晚: 15
- not, negative, non-; oppose: 非: 9
- numerary adjunct for article; matter: 件: 8
- obtain, get, gain, acquire: 得: 1
- one hundred; numerous, many: 百: 12
- only; but, however, yet, still: 但: 3
- open space, field, market: 场: 8
- order, sequence; next: 次: 6
- out, outside, external; foreign: 外: 4
- paper: 纸: 20
- pass, pass through, go across: 过: 2
- penetrate, pierce, drill; wear: 穿: 17
- place, location; numerary adjunct: 所: 2
- play with, joke, enjoy: 玩: 20
- prepare, ready, perfect: 备: 12
- rapid, quick, speedy, fast; soon: 快: 11
- rare beast; strange; elegant: 离: 12
- rare; hope, expect, strive for: 希: 13
- real, actual, true, genuine: 真: 7
- receive, welcome, greet: 迎: 20
- red, vermillion; blush, flush: 红: 13
- report, tell, announce: 报: 7
- rest, put stop to, end, cease: 息: 12
- rest, stop; retire; do not!: 休: 20
- right, proper, correct: 正: 4
- right; west; right-wing: 右: 16
- road, path, street; journey: 路: 9
- room, home, house, chamber: 室: 16
- run, flee, leave in hurry: 跑: 18
- run; simplified form of luck, fortune; ship, transport: 运: 10
- search, seek, look for; find: 找: 12
- see off, send off; dispatch, give: 送: 15
- self, private, personal; from: 自: 2
- sell; betray; show off: 卖: 19
- separate, other; do not: 别: 7
- sequence, number; grade, degree: 第: 4
- sheep, goat; KangXi radical 123: 羊: 22
- ship, boat, vessel: 船: 15
- show, express, manifest, display: 表: 6
- side; by side, close by, near: 旁: 19
- sing, chant, call; ditty, song: 唱: 22
- slip of paper or bamboo; ticket: 票: 18
- slow(ly), leisurely, sluggish: 慢: 17
- smile, laugh, giggle; snicker: 笑: 10
- snow; wipe away shame, avenge: 雪: 19
- song, lyrics; sing, chant; praise: 歌: 20
- steam, vapor, gas: 汽: 21
- step, pace; walk, stroll: 步: 11
- still, yet, also, besides: 还: 3
- stretch, extend, expand; sheet: 张: 10
- suitable, right, fitting, proper: 宜: 22
- take charge of, control, manage; officer: 司: 8
- teach, class: 教: 6
- tell, announce, inform; accuse: 告: 9
- test, try, experiment: 试: 15
- think, consider, ponder; final particle: 思: 9
- thought, idea, opinion; think: 意: 3
- thousand; many, numerous; very; (Cant.) a cheater, swindler: 千: 14
- to compare, liken; comparison; than: 比: 7
- to look at, look forward; to hope, expect: 望: 10
- to swim; float, drift; wander, roam: 游: 16
- together with, all, total; to share: 共: 10
- trip, journey; travel; traveler: 旅: 18

- two, both, pair, couple; ounce: 两: 4
- understand, comprehend: 懂: 21
- unit of length equal 3.3 meters; gentleman, man, husband: 丈: 22
- walk, go on foot; run; leave: 走: 7
- wash, rinse; clean, purify: 洗: 22
- white; pure, unblemished; bright: 白: 9
- wife: 妻: 20
- young brother; junior; i, me: 弟: 17
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